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Re: Utility Patent Application  
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For: Apparatus for singulating flat articles

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/EP2004/006772</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>06/23/2004</b>	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>to be assigned 17562141</b>
		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>06/25/2003</b>
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> <b>Apparatus for singulating flat articles</b>		
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b> <b>Siemens Aktiengesellschaft</b>		
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